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**VIA HAND-DELIVERY**

Kasey Morgenheim, Esq.  
Office of General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 H Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: MUR 5926 -- Republican Party of Minnesota

Dear Ms. Morgenheim:

We are in receipt of Chairman Walther's January 22, 2009, letter in the above-captioned MUR, which we received on January 27, 2009. Chairman Walther's letter informed us that the Commission, in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities, had found reason to believe that our clients the Republican Party of Minnesota and Anthony Sutton, its treasurer (collectively "RPM"), had violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 441b(a) and 441a(f) and 11 C.F.R. §§ 102.5(a) and 106.7(f); the Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed the basis for the Commission's finding was attached to Chairman Walther's letter.

In order to conduct a full review of the issues presented by the Factual and Legal Analysis, confer with our clients, and prepare a comprehensive response, we respectfully request an extension of 20 days to respond. A response would be due on February 11, 2009. A 20-day extension would make a response due on March 3, 2009.

We very much appreciate your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Toner at (202) 508-6175 or Corinne Falencki at (202) 508-6184.

Sincerely,

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